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SUBJECT: DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING JUNE 14, 1974: AGENDA ITEM VI,
ALLIANCE DEFENSE PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970'S (SPRING 1974)

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REF: A. DPC/D(74)9

B. DPC/D(74)11

SUMMARY. DURING JUNE 14 MEETING, DPC MINISTERS NOTED AD-70
SPRING 1974 REPORT (REF A), ENDORSED THE REPORTS CONCLUSIONS
(PART VI, REF A) AND INVITED DPC PERM REPS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
THE REPORTS CONCLUSIONS IN THEIR CONTINUING SUPERVISION OF
NATIONAL FORCE CONTRIBUTIONS AND NATO SUPPORTING PROGRAMS.
END SUMMARY.

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1. SYG LUNS INTRODUCE JUNE 14 DPC MINISTERS CONSIDERATION OF
AD-70 SPRING 1974 REPORT(AGEND ITEM VI) BY REVIEWING PROGRESS IN
FORVE CAPABILITIES (EXAMPLES BEING MAIN BATTLE TANKS, ANTI-ARMOR,
AIRCRAFT SHELTERS, WAR RESERVE STOCKS) AS WELL AS CONTINUING

DEFICIENCIES (EXAMPLES BEING UNFAVORABLE MARITIME BALANCE IN ATLANTIC, QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN REGION, AND LACK OF ADEQUATE MANPOWER IN NORTHERN REGION). LUNS CITED THREE ADDITIONAL BASIC ISSUES (ELECTRONIC WARFARE, MOBILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS, AIR DELIVERED MUNITIONS) AND EMPHASIZED REPORTS ASSERTION THAT UNLESS STEPS ARE TAKEN QUICKLY TO IMPROVE NATO ELECTRONIC COUNTER MEASURE CAPABILITY, THE CREDIBILITY OF NATOS AIR FORCES WILL BE IN DOUBT. LUNS SAID IT WOULD BE QUOTE FOLLY UNQUOTE TO MODERNIZE EQUIPMENT WITHOUT PROVIDING ADEQUATE SUPPORTING PROGRAMS AND SPECIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATION AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

2. ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT (TUCKER) PRESENTED BRIEF REVIEW OF CNAD ACTIVITIES, CITING PROGRESS MADE IN INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM (NADGE), 7.62MM STANDARD FOR RIFLE AMMUNITION, AND MULTI- ROLE COMBAT AIRCRAFT (MRCA) AND CALLING FOR IMPROVED STANDARDIZATION IN MANY OTHER AREAS. USING THE ACE MOBILE FORCE (AMF) AS AN EXAMPLE, TUCKER SAID IT USED 7 TYPES OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND 3 TYPES OF RECOILLESS RIFLES AND THAT EFFECTIVE STANDARDIZATION IN AMF COULD POSSIBLY REDUCE TIME REQUIRED TO DEPLOY AND BE COMBAT READY FROM THE PRESENT 14 DAYS TO 6 DAYS. REFERRING TO THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE, TUCKER CITED 31 TYPES OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS, 4 TYPES OF SHORT-RANGE SAMS IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND 4 SEPARATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR REPLACEMENT OF NIKE AND HERCULES SYSTEMS. TUCKER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT BY THE TIME COMMON APPROACHES TO THESE PROGRAMS WERE ACHIEVED, ONGOING SEPARATE NATIONAL PROGRAMS WOULD PRECLUDE STANDARDIZATION. TUCKER SPECIFIED 4 AREAS FOR PARTICULAR ATTENTION(AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING (AEW), ELECTRONIC WARFARE(EW), F-104G REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT, AND STANDARDIZED RIFLE/RIFLE AMMUNITION) AND BRIEFLY REVIEWED STATUS OF EACH (SEE PARAS 60-72, REF A). HE SAID A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE AEW PROGRAM WAS THAT OF FINANCING AND URGED MINISTERS TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT HOW THIS EXPENSIVE PROGRAM COULD BE FINANCED. SECDEF REP(ELLSWORTH) CAID HE FOUND
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TUCKERS PRESENTATION BOTH QUOTE INTERESTING AND SHOCKING UNQUOTE AND SUGGESTED THAT MINISTERS CONSIDER REFERRING TO NEED FOR STANDARDIZATION IN EW, AEW, F-104G REPLACEMENT AND RIFLE/ RIFLE AMMUNITION IN COMMUNIQUE. SYG LUNS CONCURRED.

3. CHAIRMAN, MC (HILL-NORTON) SAID DESPITE FORCE IMPORVEMENTS NOTED IN AD-70 REPORT, THE ALLINACE WAS QUOTE A LONG, LONG WAY BEHIND WHERE WE OUGHT TO BE IN JUNE 1974 UNQUOTE. HILL-NORTON SAID THER WAS NOTSUFFICIENT EFFORT BEHIND NATOS STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM AND URGED MINISTERS TO TELL THEIR STAFFS TO QUOTE STAND UP AND BE COUNTED UNQUOTE FOR STANDARDIZATION PROGRAMS. HILL-NORTON SAID BASIC ISSUES (REF B) WERE SUBJECTS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT AND SHOULD BE

TREATED SEPARATELY FROM AD-70 AND FORCE GOALS EXERCISES.

4. SYG LUNS SUMMARIZED DPC ACTION ON AD-70 REPORT BY SAYING THAT MINISTERS HAD: NOTED THE REPORT; ENDORSED THE REPORTS CONCLUSIONS; INVITED DPC PERM REPS TO TAKE THE REPORTS CONCLUSIONS INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR CONTINUING SUPERVISION OF NATIONAL FORCE CONTRIBUTIONS AND NATO SUPPORTING PROGRAMS ; AND AGREED TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS ON ARRIVING AT JOINT PROGRAMS FOR STANDARDIZATION IN AEW, EW, F-104G REPLACEMENT, AND RIFLE/RIFLE AMMUNITION. MCAULIFFE

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